

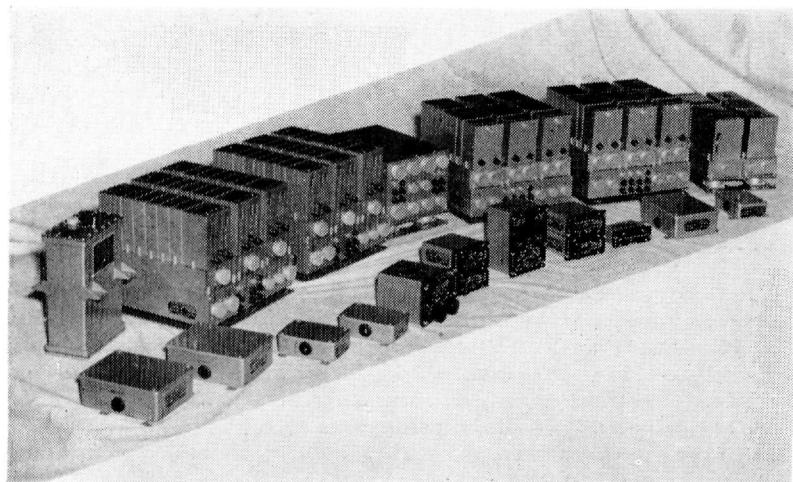
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"Where Our Products Go"



The Bill Jack Scientific Instrument Company of Solana Beach, Calif. has chosen Sprague components for its newly announced electronic control system for aerial cameras.

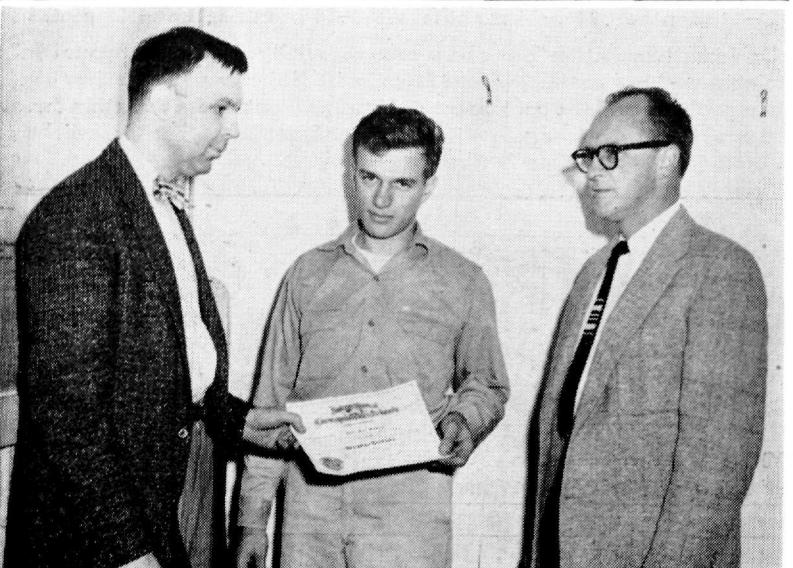
This complex device consists of "eyes" which transmit information to a "brain" which in turn transmits orders to "hands" controlling airborne cameras. The devices "eye-brains-hands" make operation of aerial cameras fully automatic. This camera control system has revolutionized military aerial picture-taking.

The system employs radio noise filters which are supplied by our company.

The universal camera control system has been installed in over 200 air force reconnaissance planes, according to information released by the Air Research and Development Command, Baltimore, Md.

The system housed in a series of modular-sized metal boxes (above), replaces a human aerial photographer, making camera settings and adjustments with fantastic rapidity.

Known to men of the air force as



David Beighley, center, receives congratulations from his boss, Richard Peterson, Foreman of Test Equipment, and Courtney W. Flanders, Mgr. of Training. The occasion was the presentation of a certificate for successful completion of the International Correspondence School's "Industrial Electronics Course". Dave has been working as an electronic technician in the Test Equipment Lab. Here he constructs and maintains electronic test equipment. Due to self-study, Dave has been able to earn an advancement in his department.

Are YOU Ready?

The suggestions in this article may save your life, and will almost save you money. Now is the time to get ready for winter.

You will be a lot safer this winter—and save money if you prepare properly for winter driving.

Example: Last year, winter driving accidents cost 16,150 lives, 560,000 personal injuries, and \$1,600,000,000 in damage. More than 75% of these accidents could have been prevented by proper preparation—of cars and drivers—for winter driving conditions.

It's true that proper preparation isn't cheap, but in the long run, there's money to be saved. For example, it's a good idea to clean your spark plugs, check the timing of your engine, and adjust your carburetor. These adjustments alone can increase gas mileage 20 percent.

Here, (from the "Prestone" anti-freeze automotive engineering group) are six basic steps in getting your car set for winter:

1. Winterizing

There's a little more to this than just dumping some anti-freeze in the radiator. The most important thing is to be certain the cooling system is clean and leak tight. Flush the radiator and cooling system thoroughly to get rid of rust and grease. Make sure hose connections are good and tight, put in a good all winter anti-freeze.

Change your oil to a lighter grade and let your mechanic determine what weight is best for your car. If you haven't checked your oil filter for 5,000 miles, replace it.

2. Motor tuning—Efficient spark plugs are a must—so clean or replace yours if necessary. Also check your distributor points, generator, regulator, starting motor. A good tune-up is important. A general "tightening up" is a good idea, too.

3. Exhaust—A leak in your exhaust system or muffler can cause a lot of noise. More important, a leak can bring carbon monoxide fumes into your car. And during the winter months—when windows are often

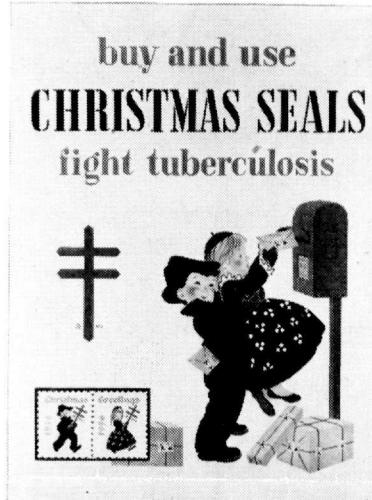
15 & 20 Year Group Total Membership Exceeds 350

69 Receive Awards At Second Banquet

The second 15-20 year service Award Dinner in honor of Sprague Electric employees who have completed long terms of service with the Company was held Thursday, November 15 at Petey Dinks, in Clarksburg with 37 people receiving 15 year pins and 32 receiving 20 year pins.

Approximately 160 persons, including officials of the Company and guests attended the affair. Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was John H. Winant, Assistant Director of Employee & Community Relations. Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board, assisted by Julian K. Sprague, President, presented each employee with his pin symbolic of the years served.

Following a social hour from 6:15 to 7:15, dinner was served, and the award ceremonies followed. Guest speaker of the evening was Manny Williams, Magic Maker. Those employees receiving pins were:



closed—a carbon monoxide leak can be fatal.

4. Electrical system—A strong battery is essential during winter months, so make sure yours is fully charged. Terminal connections should be clean and tight for full power. If you find corrosive paste atop the battery case, cover the air holes with adhesive tape and wash the paste off with clear water and baking soda.

5. Brakes—Your brakes should stop you in a minimum distance, of course, but also make sure that the braking action is equal on all wheels.

6. Tires—Are the tread grooves deep enough for traction on slippery surfaces? How about the spare? Look for tire cuts, bruises or unusual bumps. If you discover a faulty tube in time, you may lengthen a tire's life by 10,000 miles or more.

It takes a lot of attention to get your car set for winter. But if you give the car attention now, you'll save money in the long run, and be a lot safer on the road this winter.

However, remember to be careful when you alight from your car in the Company's parking lot. Good driving habits do not help you if you injure yourself by slipping on the ice.

Harold Shore Retires



Harold Shore retired after twelve productive and happy years at Sprague Electric at a party given for him by his fellow workers when they presented him with an upholstered rocking chair to while away his leisure hours. Pictured with Mr. Shore are all the foremen he has ever worked for at Sprague Electric with the exception of Lloyd Bullet, presently working at Ashe County, who sent a telegram of congratulations. Pictured first row: Ken Russell, Harold Shore and Ray Brown; Second row: Jack Shields, John Muldowney, and Bernie Fitzpatrick.

1957 SPRAGUE CALENDARS

Any employee interested in receiving a copy of the 1957 Sprague Electric Calendar please complete the below information and forward to LOG DESK, Employee and Community Relations Department, Marshall St. There are 750 calendars available which will be distributed sometime near the end of the year on a "first come-first serve" basis.

NAME.....

DEPT.....

Street..... Marshall Beaver Brown

TWENTY YEARS SERVICE

Stella Beauchamp, Josephine Convery, Barbara Crandall, Ida Decoteau, Anna Deeb, Angelina Granier, Bertha Jennings, Elizabeth Kenny, Helen Kordek, Anna Lamouroux, Evelyn Morton, Rose Pascotti, Mary Scott, Josephine Sikorski, John Ariazi, Charles Bourdon, Alfred Boyer, Arthur Caron, Maurice Chonard, George Coody, James Copeland, Harry Czapla, Clifford King, Stafford Lewis, Peter Mancuso, Arthur Molleur, Joseph Filiault, Theresa Pontier, Pearl Damon, Roma Sacco, Emma Lebert, Marian Scott, Christina Vareschi, Armand Chouinard, Dorsey King, Flora Haummuler, Bronislaw Sojkowski, Austin Rogge, Alfred Roy, George Roy, Harold St. Denis, John Washburn and Frank Wotkowicz.

FIFTEEN YEARS SERVICE

Mary Boschetti, Pauline Buletti, Angie Cardimino, Lucy DePari, Pearl Dubreuil, Claire Fitzpatrick, Rita Fountain, Helen Hafner, Nellie Hewitt, Marjorie Hauptfleisch, Amelia Koza, Catherine LaBombard, Josephine Mastaliz, Ellen McCarthy, Mildred Moreau, Helen LeSage, Mildred Ottman, Corinne Simon, Patricia Trzecinski, Theresa Vono, Mary Zito, Harry Barschdorff, William Carlton, Bernard Champney, Thomas Dion, Arthur Langlois, John Murphy, James Oldham, George Perris, Alexander Petro, Bernard Robert, Joseph Roberts, John Rosse, Henry Roy, Casimer Strazepeck, Richard Tyler, Francis Wimpenny, Robert McPherson, Isabelle Lyons, Arlon Peck, Marie Martell, Daisy Meland, Mary Cozzaglio, Helen Denno, Eleanore Durocher, Mabel Benoit, Delma Lewis, Alta Oaks and Lena Deso.

On a slick surface even a slight "puff" can mean a skid. Add brake fluid if you need it, but if you do, find out why.

6. Tires—Are the tread grooves deep enough for traction on slippery surfaces? How about the spare? Look for tire cuts, bruises or unusual bumps. If you discover a faulty tube in time, you may lengthen a tire's life by 10,000 miles or more.

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"Every Sprague Employee a Reporter"



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EDITORIAL . . .

Watch Your Step

Cold weather is upon us. The nippy chill in the air is especially felt when alighting from your car in the parking lots each morning. The warm building looks good, but WATCH YOUR STEP. Many spots are icy and slippery on these wintry mornings. A misplaced step may mean a serious accident.

The Company is taking every precautionary step such as sanding and salting, but remember your own safety depends on you so be sure to watch your step.

The Indispensable Man

Sometime when you're feeling important
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room;
Sometime when you feel that you're going
would leave an infallible hole;
Just follow this simple instruction,
and see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your hands in it up to your wrists;
Pull them out and the hole that remains
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.
The moral in this is quite simple,
Do just the best you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no Indispensable Man.

Names in the News

ALAN SMITH and GLEN COOPER — both of Research & Engineering — presented a paper entitled "Distributed Components in Printed Circuits" at the May meeting of the National Electronics Components Symposium. The paper was reproduced in "Electrical Manufacturers", a trade magazine.

NORTON CUSHMAN of Research & Engineering submitted a paper entitled "Quality Control of Magnetic Sub-Assemblies" at the National Electronics Components Symposium during their May meeting.

THOMAS W. CULLEN of Planning, who is also troop committee man of Troop 36, St. Francis' Church, was one of five area men to receive veteran Scouter awards. The award was presented at a dinner of the Berkshire council Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Cullen has given 15 years service to scouting.

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, JR., Director of Employee and Community Relations Department, Marshall St., has been reelected to the Board of Directors of the National Businessmen's Aircraft Association.

Airman, Ex-Employee, Compliments LOG

A/1C Robert D. Fountain has recently been reassigned to a SAC base in South Dakota after his tour of Korea. At this base he began to receive the Sprague LOG and had these comments to make:

"I find the LOG playing a very important role in keeping me well informed as to the many changes that have occurred in Sprague Electric since my departure to the Air Force. And I greatly appreciate the kindness and goodwill shown by the LOG Staff in expediting the current editions of their fine company paper to its many servicemen throughout the world today.

"In closing, I would like to compliment your staff for the fine job they are doing in the printing and distribution of the LOG each month. I would also like once again to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for making it possible for us servicemen to receive the LOG each month.

"I use the word 'us' in referring to the Sprague Personnel in the military services only because I've given a considerable amount of thought as to how nice it will feel returning to my previous job feeling as though I had never been away. Therefore, I believe that like myself, the other fellows serving in the military will feel very much the same. This is what I mean when I say that the Sprague LOG keeps me well informed as to the current happenings in and around the Sprague Electric Company."

Sincerely,
Robert D. Fountain, A/1C
Post Office Box 84
Elsworth Air Force Base
Rapid City, South Dakota

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES

Here is a schedule of the programs that will be presented each Tuesday noon at 12 p.m. in the conference room in Building 9, by the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Helen L. H. Johnson.

December 4—Christmas Greens
December 11—Make Entertaining Easy—Decorations
December 18—Make Entertaining Easy—Food

Introducing "Miss November"



Photo by Vallier's Vogue Studio

We made a startling but most pleasing discovery the other day when among the pin boys at the bowling alley we spied a very attractive young pin girl. During an interview we discovered that the gal's name is Dolores Mancini and she works in Sprague Products. When asked why she chose pinsetting as an extra-curricular hobby, she replied, "It's good for the figure." (As if she needs to worry.) We are sure that with such a pleasant atmosphere, the bowling industry should do a booming business this year. But you'd better hurry; the Casino Bowling Alley is booked solid for the next 6 months!



All of the benefits of Credit Union financing are now available to you for USED Car Loans as well as NEW car loans.

Beginning December 1st, your Credit Union can loan you the cash to purchase any good Used Car that is LESS THAN 5 model years old. Check the Chart below to see if the car you have in mind can be financed with a low cost 5% Credit Union loan.

Model Year and Maximum Repayment Time are
1956-24 months 1955-24 months 1954-18 months 1953-12 months

Car loan information forms have been especially prepared for your convenience and are available from any Credit Union representative. So, when you've found the car you want, simply fill out an information form and send it directly to the Credit Union Car Loan Committee, c/o either, T. Dion—Marshall St. or P. Mancuso—Brown St.



FOR SALE

GE refrigerator in good running condition. \$25. Dial MO: 3-9461 anytime. Gasoline Power saw. Good condition. Dial MO: 3-3591 after 5 p.m. Clarinet, 2 mouthpieces and case. Genuine Grenadilla wood. Excellent condition. Reasonable. Dial MO: 3-5156 after 4:30 p.m.

Three Lionel, prewar electric trains, in very good condition. A good Christmas gift at a saving. Dial MO: 3-6706 or see at 39 Goodrich Street, North Adams.

Chrome breakfast set. Table and four chairs. Very reasonable. Dial MO: 3-9959 anytime.

Two place settings of International Sterling silver, pattern "Spring Glory". Original price, \$32.50, want offer. Dial MO: 3-8442 anytime.

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THANKSGIVING 1956



RELIGION - 1 to r: Harry Gaudette; Robert Virgilio, father David works in Industrial Oils; Donald LaCross, mother Irene Boucher works in Clorinal; Cheryl Gajda; Jo Ann St. Dennis, father Harold works in Research and Engineering; and Lorrie Jean Conroy, mother Millie works in the Samples Department on Brown Street.

ASSEMBLY: A group of youngsters from the 2nd grade of Greylock School as they recite "Pledge Allegiance to the Flag".



TRADING POST

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Crystalline taffeta dress like new. Ice blue, full skirt with matching nylon net petticoat. Size 9, worn only twice. Original price \$29.95, asking \$8. Dial Marshall Street ext. 213, or MO: 3-6121 after 5:15 p.m.

30" white and black gas stove. Four burners. Good condition. Dial MO: 3-6469.

Four tires used three months. Two snow tires, two regular. Both 650-16. \$10 each. Dial MO: 3-5963.

Florence oil parlor stove. 9" burner. Stove pipes \$30. One year old. Also 1 set 6" kitchen oil burners, four years old in very good condition. Name the price. Dial MO: 3-9804 anytime after 4 p.m.

Admiral Cconsul combination TV-Radio A.M. and F.M. 78 or 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ record player, Mahogany cabinet, excellent shape. 5 years old. Any reasonable offer takes it. Contact Jim Drummond, Pownal, Vermont—3684.

6-room 1½ story house with attached breezeway and garage. Automatic oil heat, baseboard hot water system. Located on Walker Street in Clarksburg. Taxes, \$140. Asking \$10,500. If interested, dial MO: 3-9958 after 5 p.m.

11" Storm windows — 32" x 62". Dial MO: 3-8561 after 5:30 p.m.

Woman's winter coat — beige color, fur collar—size 16. Only 1 year old. In excellent condition. Paid \$75 for it, will sell for \$25. Dial MO: 2-2279 after 6 p.m.

One Raleigh deluxe English (Import) 26" 4-speed (Boy's) bicycle in first class condition. Phone MO 2-2690 or Extension Marshall 362.

Light blue Plymouth convertible - like new - recent overhaul, new paint and seatcovers, radio and heater. \$550. Call Bob Lamore Ma. 242.

WANTED:

Baby Walker. Call Adams 1504-W.

Ride, from Bennington for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift, Marshall Street. Contact Dale Sands at Marshall Street ext. 559 or Bennington 4747.

Ride from corner of Lime and North Summer Streets, Adams, to Marshall Street plant, on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift. Call Adams 909-M.

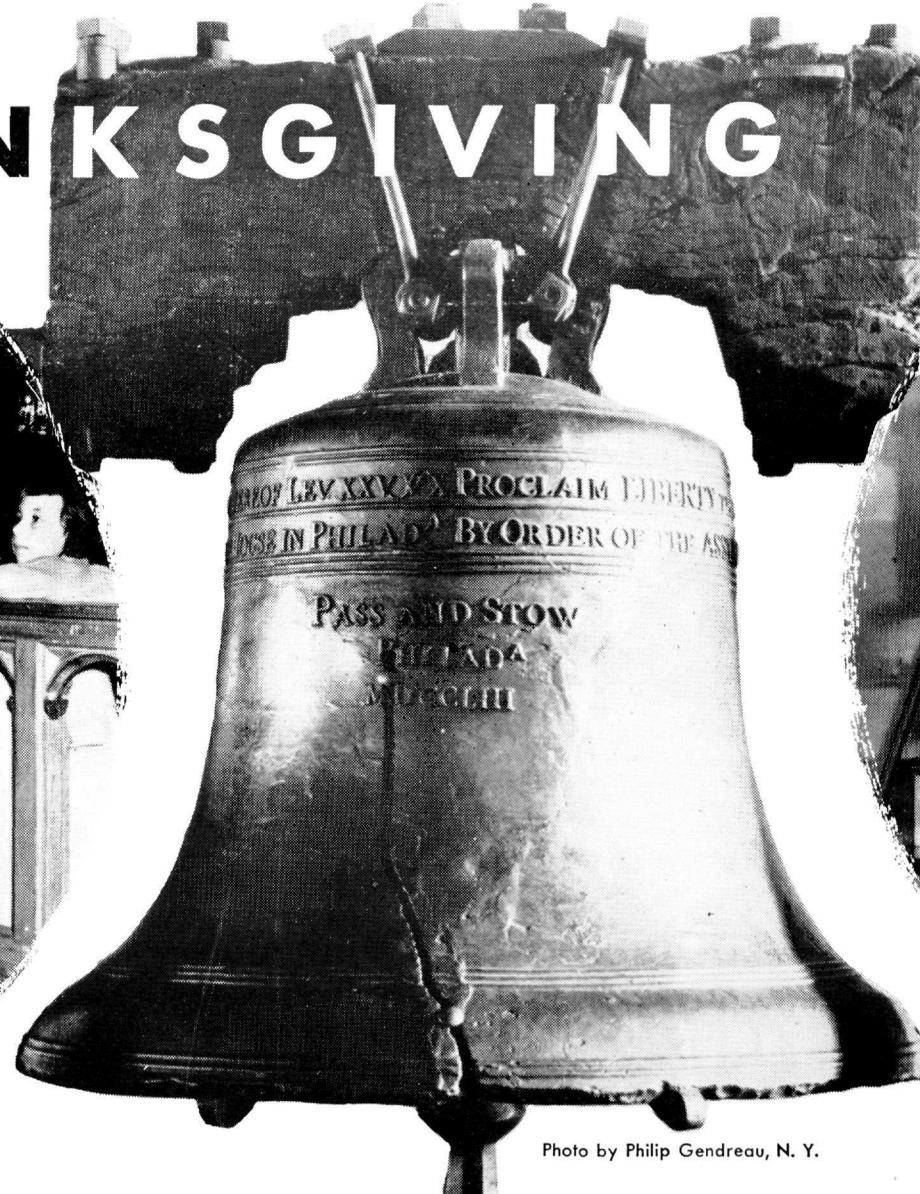


Photo by Philip Gendreau, N. Y.

One of the most sacred heritages that we possess as Americans are the Four Freedoms—FREEDOM OF RELIGION, FREEDOM OF PRESS, FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY and FREEDOM OF SPEECH. These freedoms have taken on added importance in a troubled world striving for democracy.

We as adults not only enjoy these freedoms, but our children at the earliest age possible are given every opportunity to practice them and at the same time to learn and understand their value.

Pictured here are four scenes depicting the children of Sprague Electric employees as they symbolize these freedoms—truly a fitting theme for THANKSGIVING—1956!

Photos by A. Horsfall



PRESS: Bottom up: John Collins, mother Beatrice, Sales Department; Judith Gooch, mother Evelyn, Dry Rolling; and Allan Mutart, mother Emma, Purchasing.

SPEECH: Sheila Domenichini, daughter of Clifford, Can Shop and Dolores, Retail Sales, recites for Miss Elizabeth Ann Cahill in the 2nd grade at Greylock School. Other Sprague children are James Law, left, 1st row, son of Alfred, Pulse Transformers; 2nd row, Carol Vigna, daughter of Rocco, Mica; Thomas Kirby, son of John, Quality Control; William Descoteau, son of William, Warehouse; last row, behind Sheila is Laurie Heiser, daughter of Lawrence, Pulse Transformers.



Sprague Sports

by John Galles

The second annual softball banquet was held at Petey Dinks on November 13. A gathering of over 200 men who participated in the summer sport attended. A very delicious roast beef supper was served. The program opened with Henry Doane, Commissioner of Softball, for Sprague's, greeting everyone. He then turned the program over to Bucky Bullet, a former Sprague employee and now a local sports announcer, who was master of ceremonies. He first introduced Mr. R. C. Sprague who presented a trophy to the R. & E. Lab team who won first place this year. He also said that he was very pleased to see how the league had grown in one year. Mr. E. L. Ward then presented the runner-up trophy to the Can Shop.

Seated at the head table, besides our distinguished guests were representatives of all the teams. Joe Lipa, one of the outstanding bowlers in Sprague's a few years ago, stood up to take a bow. "Bucky" then introduced our main speaker, Dale Long, member of the Pittsburg Pirates, a

former Sprague employee, and a native of North Adams. Dale made world-wide news last summer by hitting 8 home runs in 8 consecutive games for Pittsburgh. "Bucky" told of Dale's high school days, and his climb to the major leagues. Dale, a very good after dinner speaker, then told of his experiences during this year and of the past years in baseball. With his many interesting and humorous stories he kept the group very attentive and amused. There was then a "Question and Answer" period which kept Dale on his toes for at least 45 minutes, and I must say they could not stump him on any questions.



We should like to thank Dale for a wonderful evening, and hope to see him back next year.

Miles O'Grady, this year's president, then presided at a business meeting of the league. Members of the executive Committee for the 1957 season are: President—Edgar Remillard, Vice-President—Miles O'Grady, Secretary — Raymond Chalifoux, Members—Bernard Duval, Ernest Johnson, Charles Kelly and Louis Ziter.

Speaking for the players, managers, coaches, and umpires we would like to thank the Company for supplying us with the equipment which enabled us to have such a fine league, and for the banquet.

"BOWLING LEAGUE SCORES"
After nine weeks of bowling in the men's league the standings are as follows:

	Win	Loss
Western Electric	21	6
F. P. Drys	20	7
Inspectors	18	9
Filter Lab	18	9
Maintenance	16	11
Tabulating	16	11
High Single—J. Lynch		138
High Triple—J. Lynch		351
High Average—E. Ames		104.2

Softball, Service Award, Log Banquet Highlights . . .



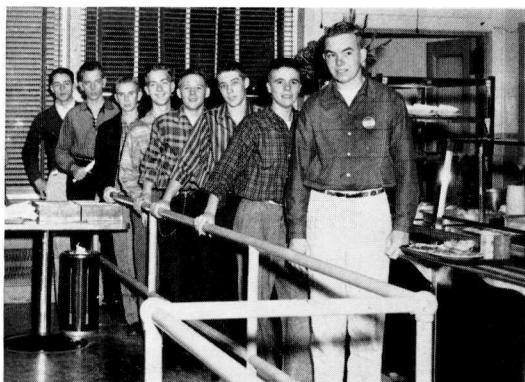
The look of astonishment which crossed Valerie Piantoni's face when she learned from James Oldham, M.C., she had won the door prize at the LOG Banquet was priceless. But, what was even more humorous, was the prize—an actual door! (A true prize was later given to Valerie!)

Members of the LOG Social Committee pretty one another up before the banquet. They include Betty Jangrow, Doris Williams (reporter), Martha Clark, Nina Underwood and Emma Mutart.

Endmen of the minstrel show. Top left is Lea Walden, right, Ida Gigliotti. Below, James Oldham, M.C., and Marge Richer.



Renewing friendships and acquaintances, toasting to more years of service with the Company, and general socializing all took place at the second 15-20 year Service Award Dinner held November 15 at Petey Dinks.



Eight boys representing the Bartow, Florida, Exchange group were taken on an extensive tour of the plant during their recent visit to North Adams. Above, the group pauses for lunch in the Marshall Street cafeteria.



Officers of the OFU are Chester Gellup, standing, recently re-elected president, Marion Langer, left, secretary and Mary Meranti, treasurer.



A group of girls from the Industrial Oils Departments on Brown Street held their annual Halloween party at the Fireside Dining Room in Cheshire with a good variety of costumes. Needless to say, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.



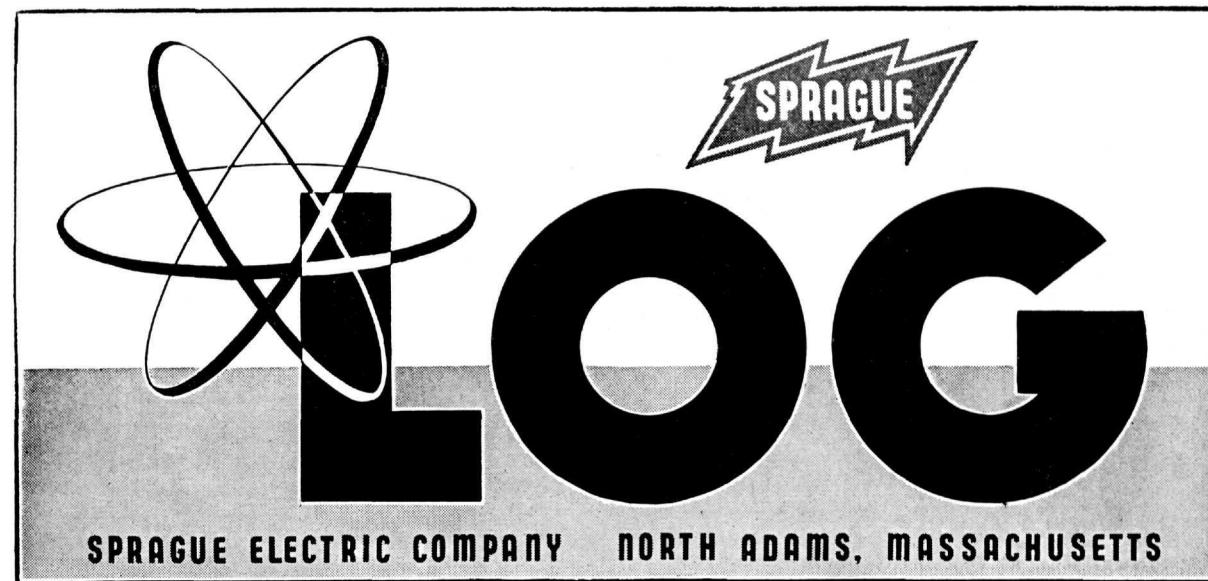
Research & Engineering's crack softball team gathered together for a formal picture of the entire group. This team took top honors in the inter-plant Sprague Electric softball league.



Some of the girls arriving for the OFU Banquet held Nov. 7 at the Eagles Hall.



Manny Williams, magic maker, demonstrates some of his slight of hand tricks to a quartet of interested observers. Mr. Williams was guest speaker at the second 15-20 year Service Award Dinner.



Special Negotiations Supplement

November, 1956

Wage increases are retroactive to 5 November, 1956.

ICW #2 MEMBERS ACCEPT COMPANY PROPOSALS

Sprague's Cost-of-Living Adjustment Is Your Protection Against Inflation

There shall be added to the straight time hourly earnings of each employee a Cost-of-Living Adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. Such adjustment shall be determined and applied in accordance with the following table and provisions:

(a) Commencing with the first pay period beginning on or after November 5, 1956, and thereafter during the period of this Agreement, adjustments in the Cost-of-Living shall be made quarterly at the following times:

Based Upon
BLS Consumer Price Index as of:
December 1956
March 1957
June 1957

Effective Date of Adjustment
First pay period beginning on or after:
4 February 1957
29 April 1957
5 August 1957

(b) If the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, hereafter referred to as the BLS Consumer Price Index, shall increase from the September 1956 level of 117.1 to a level above 117.9 there shall be added to the straight-time hourly earnings of each employee a cost-of-living adjustment in accordance with the following table and provisions:

BLS Consumer Price Index	Cost-of-Living Adjustment
117.1 or less than 117.9	None
117.9 or less than 118.7	1c per hour
118.7 or less than 119.5	2c per hour
119.5 or less than 120.3	3c per hour
120.3 or less than 121.1	4c per hour
121.1 or less than 121.9	5c per hour and so forth, with a one cent change in the Adjustment for each 0.8 point change in the Index, whichever is appropriate, based on the sequence of changes set forth in the above table.

(c) Notwithstanding any decrease in the BLS Consumer Price Index there shall not be any decrease in any existing Cost-of-living Adjustment in accordance with the above table, unless the amount of the decrease in the Adjustment under such table equals 1 cent, at which time the full amount of the appropriate decrease shall be made. For example: The BLS Index has increased to over 119.5 and according to our table, your wages have been increased by 3c. In other words you are now earning

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Benefits Provided in New Contract

Wage Increase

All job classifications were increased by 6c per hour retroactive to 5 November 1956.

In case of employees on bonus such general hourly wage increases shall be added to their earned rate after computation of bonus. The wage rates, wage ranges and schedules of payment in effect on November 5, 1956 shall continue in effect for the balance of the Agreement.

Weekly Sick Benefits

The weekly sick benefits under our insurance program have been increased to \$25 per week. These benefits are payable if you are disabled and can not work. Payments begin with the 8th day and continue for a maximum of 13 weeks.

Supplemental Vacation Pay

All employees, who as of January 1, 1957, have been in the continuous service of the Company for 16 years but less than 20 years from the date of their latest Continuous Service and who have worked a thousand (1000) hours during the year immediately preceding such January 1st, shall, for vacation purposes, be entitled to one (1) day's pay in addition to two weeks vacation.*

*Instead of supplementing an employee's regular vacation pay with the vacation pay additive, the Company shall have the right, at its option, to schedule for and grant to employees eligible for such supplementary vacation pay, an additional vacation day with pay.

Year End Distribution

A year-end distribution of \$100 will be made to eligible employees at the payroll period nearest December 13, 1956. All employees having at least 6 months seniority on 1 December 1956 and having received a minimum of 25 pay checks during the 11 month period preceding December 1 and who are still in the active employ of the Company on the date of distribution will receive the distribution, less United States Withholding Taxes. Those employees who meet these qualifications by December 31 will also be eligible.

All veterans of the United States of America who do not meet qualifications for the payment of the distribution on or about 15 December 1956 who were in the employ of the Company before they were inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States and who returned to the Company's employment during the calendar year and within the statutory time after their discharge shall be paid the lump sum of the year-end distribution less the Government withholding taxes as soon as it is practical for records and checks to be completed.

All those employees of the Company who are eligible for payment on 1 December 1956 who are on leave of absence or laid off, but are otherwise qualified, at the time of the distribution will have their checks mailed to them on or about 16 December.

Additional Provisions

The Company has agreed to:

Study with the ICW #2 ways and means of eliminating certain problems in transfers involving shift starting times.

Study the present classification of hourly-rated production jobs.

86% of Those Voting - - Voted Yes

The Independent Condensers Workers Union and the Sprague Electric Company, on November 28, 1956 signed a new wage agreement for a one year period effective November 5, 1956, and terminating October 31, 1957 during which time there will be an overall wage increase of 6c per hour.

In addition to the cost of the wage increase noted above, the Company will pay one half a million dollars in year-end distributions, plus an improved fringe benefit package which includes increases in health insurance, vacations, supplemental jury pay and death-in-family leave.

The new wage agreement also insures the employee against possible inflationary affects by providing cost-of-living wage adjustments for all Sprague employees. This factor alone could more than equal the total fringe benefits.

The wage agreement announced was signed by the President and Grievance Board members of the ICW No. 2 and by John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel for the Sprague Electric Company.

Sprague employees maintain through this new agreement their traditional lead of better wages in the electronic components field. As negotiations continued on a day-to-day basis between the ICW No. 2 and the Company, operations went smoothly without disturbances. During that time ICW employees earned over \$1,725,000 in wages.

9c more per hour rather than the 6c raise that was originally given at the contract signing. Then the next BLS Index is issued and it has dropped to below 118.7. Your wages would then drop 2c so that you would be now earning 7c per hour. However, if the Index drops below 117.1, no downward adjustments in your wages are made.

(d) If the BLS Consumer Price Index in its present form and calculated on the same basis shall be revised therefrom or discontinued, the Company and the Union representatives shall attempt to adjust this clause, or, if agreement is not reached, the parties shall request the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide an appropriate conversion or adjustment, which shall be applicable as of the appropriate adjustment date and thereafter.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .

Marshall Street MEMOS

Small Order

by Eloise Brown

Small order has a very busy circle these days, the gals are really knitting anything from socks for boy friends to booties for babies . . . Don Arigoni is back to normal again after agitating all the women about the election . . . Our old pal Nina Sacco left us after 12 years of faithful service. Nina is now a Lab technician. I sure miss our daily chat at rest period. We all wish her the best of luck and success. Don't forget us Nina . . . Alda Roy is enjoying a week's vacation at home . . . Arlene Rabidoux is sporting around in a brand new DeSoto. Be careful how you park that car Arl, keep it in the wide open spaces . . . Kay Scott is leaving our department. She is moving to California. We wish her loads of luck and hope she thinks of us once in a while when we are trying to plow our way out of snow . . . I hope my department and all my co-workers on the Log had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Production Engineering

by Joan O'Neil and Barbara Martin

Betty Jones spent a week-end of her vacation in New York . . . Evie Szpak has left us to work in the Dry Division of Prod. Eng. . . Mary Ann Romeo who worked in Blueprint, has joined the office staff of P.E. . . Shirley Bushika and Eileen Brown left us to await their blessed events . . . Best of luck to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cheney (formerly Angie Romeo) who were married Nov. 17 and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson (formerly Julie Lasson) who were married Nov. 24 . . . Welcome to Elaine Barry of Westfield, Mass. who will work with the Pulse Transformers group. . . Phyllis Faustini will be moving into their new house soon. We hear it is very lovely. . . And if anyone knows of some poor soul who is looking for a friend, please tell Connie Rotolo. She's been looking for one for a long time. (Thanks a lot Con, I guess DM, EN, AND ME just don't count).

Dry Tubular Assembly

by

Margaret Champagne and Gladys Sullivan

We are still reporting vacations, so here they are: René Roy spent a week-end recently visiting her sister in New York. Claire Andognini has returned from a week's vacation. . . Millie Racette spent her vacation in Brockton visiting her father and sister. Virginia Cusson enjoyed her rest at home. Julia Wolfstrom is back with us after her vacation spent at home. Incidentally we are glad to welcome her back after working in another department. . . We hope Mary Sclia will be back soon after a sick leave due to a broken wrist. . . Harold Dufresne we understand is getting along very well and we hope he'll be back with us very soon. It's the inactivity that gets you, Harold! . . . Jeannette Rondeau has moved to Stamford, Ct. By the way we heard that she shot her first rabbit. We wonder if she had it mounted. . . Edith Royal is extremely happy because she has a new grandson which makes it the second grandson in the family. . . We are sorry we missed reporting Millie Racette's wedding anniversary which incidentally was Oct. 22nd, their 33rd anniversary.

Filters

by Marge Richer and Alice Monette

The cold weather has finally arrived, bringing with it the talk of Christmas parties. Let's make ours a huge success this year, O.K.? Television is also appreciated more during the cold weather. Here are a few T.V. favorites of some of our people: George Lord—"Father Knows Best", Tony Falco—"Wyatt Earp", Emily Lamore—"Strike It Rich", Eleanor Brooks—"Our Miss Brooks", Clarie Danis—"Tonight", Martha Lewis—"Valiant Lady", Doris LaFrance—"Crossroads".

Centrifuge Department

by Dom Pisano

Happy to see Oliver O'Dell back at work after spending nine days at the hospital. . . Anyone looking for a joke teller, contact Art Morin, he knows a lot of them.

Filter Sample Dept.

by Julia Desrosiers

A Happy Thanksgiving to all. . . We congratulate James Crase who was elected the President of the Student Government at Brayton School's eighth grade. James is the son of Lee Crase who works in our office and of John Crase who works for Time Study. . . Harriet Sherman has colored Movies of Bing Crosby which were taken while he was playing golf; the price will be twenty-five cents admission for anyone wishing to see Bing. Harriet is spending a few days in New York, which we know she will enjoy. . . We wish our bowling team loads of luck, they won last year.

Maintenance Department

by Judith Kelsy

Now that the Elections are over maybe the Reactions of the Atoms will settle down in the Atmosphere and follow their natural courses. Just received a News Bulletin from Mars that your regular reporter's Reactions are progressing rapidly. Glad to hear that Dot. Perhaps by the time this issue is printed you will be back here in our Atmosphere. . . Our horsepower is going full speed ahead now that our Pipe Shop assistant Robot is back from outer space. Welcome aboard our electronic run. . . Mr. Chonard our Robot in the Pipe Shop is somewhere in the outer space enjoying a vacation. Hope you are having fun out there, Maurice! . . . Well our beloved hunters will soon be taking off for another haven, hope they have not forgotten to take some magnetic powers with them to catch something or we will starve back here on this Planet. . . According to a news bulletin just received from our Beaver Planet, there is a new Atom stirring in the Raymond Maynard tribe. How is he doing Ray? ? ? ?

Warehouse and Receiving

by Barbara Armstrong

Congratulations to Emil Janovsky, who was awarded a gift certificate for entering the largest perch in the Sprague Log Fishing Contest. . . "Donnie" Clark was transferred to the Beaver Street plant. We miss you Don. Bob Morin has returned to our Department after receiving his honorable discharge from the Service. We're glad to have you back with us Bob. . . We also take this opportunity to congratulate Bob on his recent marriage. . . Clayt and Orllyn Bryant have a new addition to their family. He is a real cute German shepherd puppy, and they named him Duke. Now Clayt is building a Dog House (for the dog??). . . Charlie Bourden, and his family have changed their address to Middle Road, Clarksburg,



This sleepy little lad is Peter Joseph Unis, newborn son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Unis. Grandmother Mary Unis works in Shift Registers, Beaver Street.



Three little charmers are Stephen and Jackie, 3 month old twins, and James 2 years old, grandchildren of Alice Wright of BTA, Beaver Street.



Constance Davis of Clorinal, Brown Street, has reason to be proud of her daughter Diane.

where they can really enjoy the WIDE OPEN SPACES! . . . One advantage is that he doesn't need to worry about an alarm clock now—the first crow of the roosters, and Charlie knows it is time to rise and shine! . . . Elvis Presley has only one hound dog. Tom Martin has him beat by three! (Now his aim is a pair of Blue Suede Shoes) . . . Irene Higgins has returned from her vacation. She had wonderful weather, and we know she enjoyed it thoroughly. Now, while Steve Pecukonis, our regular janitor, is on his vacation, we would like to commend Irene on her efficiency in emptying waste baskets. Good work Irene!

Purchasing

by Lea Walden

Members of the Purchasing Department attended a costume Halloween party on October 29th at the home of Shirley Larick. Prizes were awarded to Emma Mutart for the prettiest; Florence Clough, the most original; Lil Adams for the Funniest. Prizes for the games were won by Virginia Kelly and Betty Bogus. . . A buffet lunch followed served by our hostess, Shirley, assisted by Frances Saunders. . . I would like to thank the LOG and the Social Committee for one of the nicest parties I have attended.

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti and Lee Grillone

Ida Gigliotti, Gerry Coyne, Julia Alfred and Nina Buda came back from their New York trip tired but happy. They covered quite a bit of territory over the weekend, taking in the plays, seeing Judy Garland, and going to the Versailles and seeing and listening to Edith Piaf, the French Chanteuse, quite a thrill. They were happy to settle down to the normal pace of our home town. . . We wish to welcome Nini Sacco who is working in the Ceramic Lab, hope you will like your new job. To Nancy Briggs our regards at losing her and best wishes at her new job, we'll miss her. . . We wish to rectify an oversight on our part and take this occasion to extend to Donald Langer a sincere welcome to our department as check inspector. We wish Mae Riordan a speedy recovery for everyone in the department missed her quick wit and happy laughter. It doesn't seem the same without Mae. . . We went to the Log Banquet and had a lovely time, and enjoyed every minute of it. . . We extend congratulations to the following members of our department who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary: R. Harold Burdick celebrated his Oct. 26, he had been married 23 years; Warren Maynard 30 years on Nov. 2nd; Millie Mativi married 18 years on Nov. 5th. . . Halloween has come and gone and please we don't want any body to bring us candy for some time, especially lollipops. We've had lollipops making the rounds for two weeks. We do want you all to know we appreciate the thought, but we can't look another lollipop in the face.

F. P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub

Evelyn Lyons has something really wonderful at her house. She just adopted a lovely little girl. They are calling her Debra Ann. Lucky Evelyn, Lucky Baby, good luck to all of you. . . Rita Clifford has taken up doughnut making in her spare time. Ask Freddy King and Howard Fix about them. . . We are all sorry to hear that Lene Ducharme is back in the hospital. Hurry and get well, Lene, we'll be rooting for you.

Advertising

by Janice Harriman

Good evening Mr. & Mrs. Advertising and all the catalogs at cee-C11-C21, C31, C100, C101, etc. FLASH: What would-be Valatassine has been giving Orphan Annie rings to unsuspecting beauties? What junior advertising assistant and her gentleman? stockclerk friend have been holding (or not holding doors for one another?) . . . A bldg. 12 legman has informed me that a weary four are applying for operators licenses. This has not been confirmed. . . What steno-clerk had difficulty complying with written requests from highly educated subscribers to trade publications. . . shake up in personnel is the offering with a certain D.S. vying for chief clerk honors. Warning to D.S. J.R. will not yield!

Field Engineering

by Jackie Brooks and Kay Ryan

We welcome Art Christopher who just recently received his discharge from the army. Good to see you back Art. . . We also extend a welcome to Jeanne Murphy and Agnes Labombard; Jeanne will be working with Andy Kariotis and Agnes with Fred Scarborough. Hope you enjoy working with us. . . Elaine Vigna left our office group to go to Virginia with her husband who is to be stationed there. We were all very sorry to see her leave, but hope she enjoys living down

considering taking Marilyn Monroe's place at MGM—will this include a calendar too?...And now a word from our sponsors: MEN—are you getting BALD—try J.G.B.'S jet propelled hair cut, the newest thing in super-sonic hairlines. Guaranteed to give you thicker, curlier locks in one week or your money back. It looks good, feels good, and lessens your worries about a receding hairline. Write to J.G.B. Jamieson Heights, for more detailed information ... AROUND THE DEPARTMENT IN 30 SECONDS: SLC is moaning and groaning his way through each day and a minute of silent prayer is observed every day for a new secretary. Most ardent meditor is JCH...Senior clerk HG is getting violent about inventory records. Pluzzee, Mr. and Mrs. Advertising help yourself only after submitting a withdrawal slip—HG is on the warpath and is equipped with BBs.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Our welcome mat is extending again to Lena Buckley, Irene Bergendahl, Gladys Moderski and Vivian Accetta, we hope you all enjoy working with us...Recently some of us received their service pins. In our department for five years service congratulations to James Blair and Adrian Darling. For ten years, Amelia Couture, Carol Busby, Theresa Estes, Robert Johnson, Aileen Mazza, and yours truly Carmela Mancuso. Corinne Simon enjoyed the 15 year banquet very much, and we all hope that you have many more pleasant years at Sprague's... Robert Barbuto is out on vacation. Yours truly recently was on vacation, which was spent in Southbridge, Mass., taking care of my sister's children. Also while being there I became a new Aunt...It looks like some of the girls are getting ready to take a trip to New York in December to see the pretty Christmas lights in New York City...We all wonder if Marion Parrino is having any luck in selling her old partial plate and old glasses? It seems Marion can't even give them away, so she thought she would try advertising them...Lena Buckley recently enjoyed a two weeks vacation hunting for Bears. It seems Lena, is quite a woman hunter. She hopes in December when the Mass. deer season starts, she gets herself a deer. We all wish her luck and we might even get to enjoy a venison dinner soon...Joe Mantello is also back from his vacation which was mostly spent at home...It seems the holidays are on us again and everyone is busy getting ready for them and doing their Christmas shopping.

F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

The people who enjoyed October and November vacations include Dot Lewis, who visited friends at Schoduck Landing, N. Y. The others, Della Grant, Marion Davis, Alice Soldati, Genevieve Gorczakoski, Dot King, Irene Pratt and yours truly enjoyed a week just staying at home and resting...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Segala who celebrated their 8th Anniversary on the 30th of Oct...A very nice time was had at the Stag and Shower in honor of Rita Cooper's daughter at the American Legion Home. She was married the Saturday after Thanksgiving to Harvey Richards...We are always ready to welcome new co-workers, the latest are Ronnie Dean, Grace Collins and Lorraine Duffy... Irene Pratt's little boy John Robert had his tonsils removed the 6th of Nov. at the North Adams Hospital.

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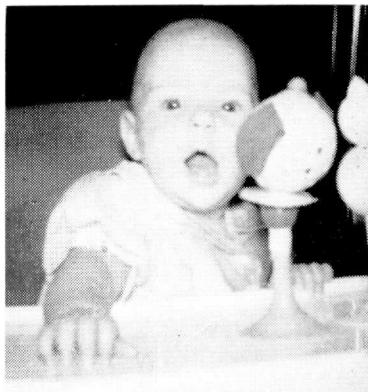
by Esther Holloway and Ella Dunsmore

Check Inspection-Beaver St.: We are glad to see Helen Bryce back on days after a lengthy stay with the

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG



"I'll be out of this teeter soon and riding that bike", says nine month old Judy Mace. Little Judy lives with Alice Soldati of F.P. Assembly, Marshall Street.



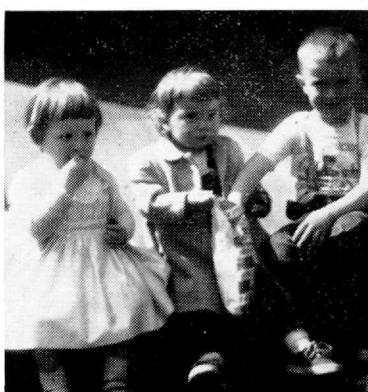
"Hey, Pop! Someone turned off the T.V.!" Barbara Gay is the daughter of A/IC and Mrs. Howard W. Czerwinski and granddaughter of Z. Francis Czerwinski.



"Wow! Look at the cake!" One year old Marlene tells her big brother Ricky, 3 years old. They are the children of Arlene Estes of F.P. Ovens and grandchildren of Catherine Coody of Cover Assembly.



"Here comes Mom with my bottle!" This is little Tina Marie Delisle, daughter of Marie Delisle formerly of BTA, Beaver Street.



"Hey, Melvin, don't take it all," cries little Libby, while Laurie is too concerned eating her popcorn. They are the grandchildren of Sylvia Beaudin, Laurie Girard, and Elizabeth and Melvin Dodd.

is the news by messenger. No phones on Stratton Mt. We still have hopes as the season has just begun at this writing...Members of the department are arranging a Christmas party to be held at the Taconic Tea House, on December 6th.

Round Midget Assembly

by Jennie Garneau

Congratulations to Mary Leja and Stacia Meczywor on their new pins that they are wearing, 15 years of service at Sprague's. They both attended the banquet at Petey Dinks and had a very good time, hope they get the 20 year pins also...At present Mary Leja is enjoying her vacation as did Ora Boyer the past week, have fun girls and a happy birthday to Mary Leja from all the girls—and may you have many more...Betty Bergen is back after her illness and it's nice to see her going about her duties again...Now that elections are over, we will start thinking about the holidays, which will soon be here. As I write this the shopping days number only 36. With the light snowfall over the weekend we should get the snuggies out—so says Ceil S... Before closing, sorry I missed the last Log, my report was out but it must have been a little late, hope I am forgiven, but will say that I sure enjoyed the Log Banquet. The food as usual was very good and the Minstrel was so different from the regular program and I say well done Co-workers for your share in it...Mickey Superant has left us for a while, joining the Ladies-in-waiting. Be careful of that diet, Mickey...Emma Dube, Norma Skorupski, Agnes La Roche, Midge Valotta also received their five year pins and Pearl Berti and Ora Boyer and Irene Konopka received ten year pins...A few vacations left over from last month, Pearl Berti spent hers in Boston, Ann Pugliese and Eleanor Abuisi here and there, and Ceil Shanahan in New York... We welcome Josephine Piantoni in our midst, hope you enjoy being with us. Also Nina Buckley...Also news, Ora Boyer has a new Granddaughter, Congratulations...Hear that our sick members Madeline Horrigan, Rita DiSanti, Betty Berger and Kay O'Connor are gaining and will soon be with us...Had a visit from our old reporter Frances Kordana last week, she is looking and feeling fine and likes her work very much. Did not see her as yours truly was away in California, attending the Emblem Club convention with Lillian LaPlante of the Check Inspection, on Beaver Street. We sure did enjoy our first plane rides, it is wonderful how far you can get in a short time and see so much more, first Coronado, bus ride to Tia Juana, Mexico, plane from San Diego to Los Angeles then Las Vegas back to L.A. thence to San Francisco and Oakland where we flew home. We met a lot of old friends and talked with some over the phone and were entertained royally. I would say the California hospitality is tops. We hope to take another trip someday. A cocktail party was given by the clubs of the Eastern Seaboard States and was very proud to pass out souvenirs from North Adams, which all were pleased to receive. Our thanks go out to the donors. We also got quite a kick out of traveling on the glass elevator at the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego, it being the only one in the world. It was a very clear day and we could see the city and the Pacific Ocean very well. When they say the Pacific is blue, it's true. So now we have to buckle down and dream of another plane trip somewhere else.

Test Equipment

by Mary Cantoni

As the holidays approach, we hope everyone in the department had a very happy Thanksgiving...To David Beighley congratulations on his purchase of a new 1956 Olds-

mobile...To Mary Mazza we all wish a speedy recovery on her recent accident. Mary discovered, that when handicapped by a broken arm one can do most anything with the left. Hurry and get back Mary, the coffee break isn't the same without you... To John Aldrich, when will you give up?...To Ed Lamphier, in the future we shall see that an automatic dryer will be installed in the department by Donald Bourdon for people who fall in puddles of water. Then there will be no need for a clothes line.

Tantalum

by Amelia Koza

We of Tantalum welcome all the new faces that have joined our midst. Hope your stay will be a pleasant one...Best of luck to Mary O'Dell who has left us to be a check inspector... Josephine Lacy spent her vacation at home, but it couldn't exactly be termed a pleasant one, as she was a victim of a virus bug...We were all sorry to see our supervisor, Dominick Pappas leave for the Army, but yet proud to see him go into the service of our Country. We hope his wish to "ride a camel" materializes...Welcome Romeo Gagne as one of our supervisors...Our votes for the Fashion Plates of Tantalum go to Catherine Mendel and Lillian Trimarchi...We were all sorry to hear about the accident suffered by Mary Boudreau's husband...Lorraine DiLorenzo has left us to await Sir Stork. Best of luck...What's this we hear about Robert Felix????...Lucille Serre took a trip to California. Hoping you enjoyed your trek to the Western States... Adeline Poirot has turned out to be quite a "hot rod" driver!...Dorothy Tatro also spent her vacation at home...Anita Reeves has left us to join her husband in Texas. He is serving in the armed forces...Anita Lesure, our newest bride, still has stars in her eyes and appears to be floating on a cloud...Welcome to Annabelle Maher, our new office girl.

Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

Welcome back to the Shipping room, June Chenail...We all miss Esther Chilson and Louis Testa who are absent because of illness. We wish you both a speedy recovery...Ellen Crocker's son, Allen, is to report to Ft. Knox on November 26th. Allen is a graduate of Norwich University... Mildred Waterman spent part of her vacation in Boston...Gerald Cronin spent his vacation moving to an apartment on Church St. Joanne Saltamartini held a birthday party for her son, Anthony, who was one year old, November 11th.

W. E. Misc. Drys

by Ella Genesi and Emily Wlodyka

Continuing with vacations in our room, Lillian Major, Theresa Phaneuf and Louis Daub at home. This about winds them up...Victoria Senecal and Perina Betalotti were transferred to another departments. We were sorry to see them go...Lucy DePari is a frequent week-end commuter between Springfield and No. Adams. The reason for this is that she visits her daughter Norma, who since her marriage last year resides in Springfield...We hope you derive a lot of driving pleasure from your newly acquired Pontiac, Jo Bosio... Ceil Risch has been busier than a bee these past few months, what with her son Norman's wedding on November 17th...Say Groucho Morin! We hear you've bought some "Rock and Roll" records...Are you by any chance taking lessons?...We wonder if Rosie Coyne struck a uranium deposit in her back yard or something. Why inside of a very short space of time she purchased the following small items, (ahem) a refrigerator, a washer, a stove and a new car!!!...Say Clyde Levy are you happy your man got in. He certainly was the people's choice all right.

Employe and Community Relations

Jane Morrill Geraghty, Nancy Gould Davis and Agnes Douglas, former co-workers, had their babies in the past month. Jane and Agnes have sons, while Nancy has a daughter. Congratulations to all... Our Editor Ken Brown, had the car salesmen around town talking to themselves, but he finally made up his mind and sold his Austin to John Winant and bought a Hillman. Guess he goes for those foreign makes... Anita Burnett-Pardon me, Mrs. Jozefiak now, was presented a gift from the office gang by Mr. Sprague, Jr... Silvia Orell has shocked us all by being in work faithfully for almost two months. Guess things are beginning to settle down, huh, Syl?... Just got the good word from Lidja Augstkalne, her son has been accepted at U. of M. Being an A student, he had no trouble at all... Looks like our rest period card parties have turned into tea parties... The members of Wages and Training went out to supper recently. It all started quite by accident. It seems that Al's wife suggested going out to supper. Al mentioned it to George, who in turn mentioned it to Fred and Courtney. They all ended in calling their wives at 5 o'clock and breaking the news. I hear a few of them already had supper prepared. But nevertheless they all went along and had a grand time. Lucky for them no one else overheard, or they would have had to hire a bus... Monica has been keeping an eye on all the latest models that have been showing up in the past month—Cars, that is—But they all look so good, she is having quite a time deciding.

Round and Flat Midget

by Betty Barcomb

We're sorry to have Dot Lincoln out on a sick leave and to hear that she's been in the hospital. Hope you'll be back with us real soon... Pat Mignatta took a trip to Canton, Mass., to visit her sister... Clariss Kelly has left our department to await the arrival of the stork. Her little daughter is hoping she'll have either two brothers or two sisters... Clair and Bill Seneca have bought a home in Clarksburg and she's really busy with all the settling problems. We all hope you'll have a lot of enjoyment and pleasure out of your new home for a long, long time... Helen and Jason Hafner had the pleasure of attending the 15-20 year banquet on November 15th. They reported a wonderful time... We're sorry to hear that Danny Donovan's wife, Gert has been in the hospital. We're hoping she'll have a mighty speedy recovery... Ray Wellsprak also spent sometime in the hospital recently, but now is off the sick list... Dot Varusso is the proud Mama of a baby boy, born Oct. 17th... A number of girls in our room have received their five year pin. They are: Rachel Champney, Giselle Del Negro, Betty Barcomb... Jimmy Connally attended the Supervisor's dinner at Petey Dinks and reported he thoroughly enjoyed it... Your reporter is going on a two weeks vacation but is looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party. We want to welcome the following new girls into our department: Ellen De Paoli, Vickie Testa and Betty Goodermote.

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzette T. Lemieux

With their own wedding bells still echoing in the distance, Jeanne Dupuis and Rose Richard are now helping other members of their families to celebrate weddings: Jeanne's sister Anita was married on November 3 and Rose was a bridesmaid at her brother Sammy's wedding on October 6... Jeanne, incidentally, approves of the most modern conveniences for the working housewife and,

to her absolutely complete amazement(!) received a very handy Whirlpool washer for her birthday on November 2... Myrna Harvey, now that she has obtained her hunter's license, may need a special room in their new home to mount her trophies of the hunt. She is being given expert instructions by her husband Don, who already has trophies of his own. We hope to be able to tell you of her adventures and successes as a great huntress next month. Good luck, Myrna!... George Ferran returned from a business trip to South America on October 19, much to the happiness of his lovely wife, Nilda, and baby 'Gina' Susan... In the Sherman family, it's a lovely blue-eyed Anatasia who has brought a fresh ray of sunshine into their home. Annie, as she is fondly called by Beverly and Bruce, has already won their hearts, and cuddles as softly as would any other one-month-old Angora kitten!... At this point, it looks as if Bertha Richards is playing a private game of hide-and-seek. Knowing how she enjoys moving her desk around, it is a calculated risk to go to one particular spot twice in succession and expect to find her there. Her theme song: "Anywhere I wander..." It is most heartwarming to see either Jack Silvia or Margaret Sweeney operate our photostating machine murmuring softly such words of wisdom as: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again..." Welcome home to Henry Adams who has spent these last three months in the Pittsfield General Hospital following an automobile accident on August 3, while he was riding on his bicycle. Henry, although he made many friends during his hospital siege, must have been a mighty happy young man when November 8 saw his release from the hospital. He is the 14-year-old son of Mr. William Adams.

Payroll, Tabulating and Factory Accounting

by Agnes McDonough

First of all we of the Factory Acct., Tab, and Payroll depts. wish to send a speedy recovery card to Mr. Nolan from all of us. We miss your friendly smile Mr. Nolan... Congratulations Ceil Roy on your 23rd Anniversary. Gosh! That cake looked good... Welcome to Helen Stone in Tab. Hope you will like it here with us. Hear you're quite lucky, Helen?... A dinner party was held at the Richmond Hotel, recently, in honor of Carol Cooper who will be married, Nov. 24th. She received many beautiful gifts presented by Pat Harrison of Payroll... The supper club held its dinner party recently at the Springs. Group singing was enjoyed and a lovely gift was presented Marlene Hayden who is leaving soon... A great many are enjoying the classes held on Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00. Payroll attendance is nearly 100%... At last the bridge on Marshall St. is completed. It will take sometime before all our hearing is back to normal though. Ed Letourneau gave the last instructions to the men putting in the sidewalk... Congratulations Mildred Ottman, on receiving your 15 year pin... We are still waiting for that CAKE Irene Ryan. Next week perhaps! Note from G. M.—Sorry, Vickie, I goofed on your name in last month's Log. Here it is spelled correctly: VICTORIA ZOLTEK.

Sprague Products Company

by Carol Knox and Patricia Schabot

Time 8:05. Place Sprague Products. We're reporters (we also work here). We're looking for a story. We had a deadline to meet. I'm Fingers Knox and this is my partner Baby Doll Schabot... We walked down the hall with our dark glasses and the collars of our foreign intrigue coats up, we didn't want to be noticed... Whiper English, Butch Connors and Mumbles Partridge were having their usual



John Joseph Poirot, 5 months old son of Jean, Metal Clad, Be. St. He is also the nephew of Claire and Rita Poirot, Be. St. and Marcelline, Adeline and Louis Poirot, and Colly and Reginald Rowett, and Marshell Street.



"Well, we all can't have curls, right?" says Gary Paul Rose, grandson of Florence Lincoln of BTA, Beaver Street.



A heart stealer and only eight years old is Peter Bianchi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bianchi. His father is supervisor of the Shipping Dept., Ind. Oils, Br. St.



Debbie Bergeron, 6 months old daughter of Eddie and Helen Bergeron, is a little dark-eyed beauty. Her proud mother formerly worked in Sandia on Br. St.



"Gee, I thought you'd never find me!" seems to be the statement made by 3 months old Nelson Montgomery III. He is the son of Nelson, Formation, and Arlene, Flat Midget Assembly, Marshall Street.

morning conference—no story there. Maybe "Inch" could help us... Tickets Toomey and Weaver Wilk were having their usual paper fight. This certainly wasn't any scoop. "Inch" was sure to have something for us... We ducked behind the files only to find that 8 oz. Lasher and Butts Butler had beat us to our hiding place... Hopalong Hurlbut and Orders Lasson were sorting the morning mail that President Gallup had just dropped on their toes... Numbers Duda, Pricer Tallerico and Curley Hurd were scribbling away at their desk, while Pug Desenci and Wee Willie Wojciek were exchanging notes with Stoofie Gillooly... Grisby Hayden and Bruiser Tash were racing Giggles Gilmore and Bangs Morin to the water fountain only to find that Fuzzy Simon was already there... Speedy Moors was trying to see how much noise she could make on her NCR machine while Fliptop Kelley assembled her work for the day. Still no story, we were getting desperate. "Inch" just had to help us... Bouncer Blanchard and Dot Stein were quietly discussing the recent presidential election when—Two Gun Trotter walked into the room, he was armed, with his tape measure. We knew what that meant, another big move in the outer office... We decided this was a good time to get to our own jobs. We rushed back up the hall, hung our dusters on our private coat tree. We no sooner got seated when we heard the musical chimes of our time clock. It turned out to be Specs Mazzu and Sweetie-pie Beauchamp just punching in. We figured maybe this could be our big break, our story of the year. We asked, they answered, "Overslept". No story but we still had "Inch"... We listened while Sunshine Rancatt tossed over the problems of her borrowed electric typewriter to herself. It was impossible to even make an interesting statement out of that... We knew what we had to do. Only two more of the gang to talk to. We knocked on the door. Stretch Sweeney gave us the O.K. to come in. We explained our case, told her how desperate we were for a story, we begged, we pleaded to see "Inch"... Stretch made us sit down she had something to tell us. We looked at the clock, it was 9:40. We listened while Stretch told us that "Inch" was late... We couldn't believe it. "Inch" late. Impossible. Never happened before—"Inch" late. This was our BIG STORY.



KVA by Frank Santelli

Bill Passotti is spending his vacation in the Vermont woods, in hopes of getting a buck, good luck Bill... Harry Logan spent last weekend in the Vermont woods, but with no luck... Frank Koli spent a couple of days in New York City... Mike Gammar has become the new Bing Crosby of K. V. A.

Industrial Oils

by Dorothy Shea

Mary Provost is on sick leave. Hope you mend real soon. Your buddies Evelyn Davis and Alice Babula miss you, in fact we all miss your bright smile and cheerful manner. "Mandy" Daniels and Beatrice Ponti have returned from a "restful" vacation spent at home. Georgina Joy returned from her vacation which was spent in the South visiting her daughter. Although she enjoyed the visit, I think she prefers the beautiful weather we were having in the "Berkshires" to the rainy damp weather she encountered in Sparten-

burg, South Carolina... We are happy to hear Celia Maximilian's husband Frank is convalescing favorably at home after an operation. Keep up the good work Frank... It will not seem the same to see Alice Babula and Chuck Felix without their campaign buttons. They certainly were faithful... The Shippers welcome Clyde Kipp as their utility man... Everyone enjoyed the party for Harold Shore, held at the Fireside Oct. 26th. It was very enjoyable having Mrs. Shore and Harold Jr. attend. We will all miss Harold. His cheerful and cooperative manner endeared him to all the many people he came in contact with in Industrial Oils as well as other departments. Many years of happiness and pleasant memories are extended to you by all of us... Dorothy De Santy and Dorothy Shea sure can satisfy their and also the family's "sweet tooth" with all the jelly and jam they have been winning... It sure is fun to play whist, win or lose... Evelyn is out on sick leave, hope you will be back with us soon Evelyn... Millie Falco and Caroline Wojaszek are laid off we are sorry to say... Margaret Malone is being transferred to Sandia. We will miss the three of you.

Hi-Quality Line

by Mae O'Neil

Hi folks! Well here I am again... First of all welcome to Vicki Bissell, Lil Seneca, Alice Lunny, Kay Mc Andrews and Gladys Chase who are now working in our Rolling Department. Hope you like our air conditioned room... On Production line we now have Eileen Leeming and our new bride Helen Delisle working with us... Our Dept. enjoyed dinner with Sandia's when we all got together to say farewell and good luck to Paul Spillane who has been our Foreman but is leaving us for a new job... Beware Pedestrians! Diane Cyr just received her drivers license and Betty De Mers is trying to see what she can hit... A birthday cake was enjoyed by our Rolling Dept. in honor of Diane Cyr on Nov. 3... We have a few anniversaries in this month, first of all: Ruth Perras, one year, on Nov. 22. Gene Gamache five years on Nov. 1st. Diane Cyr, two years on Nov. 6th.

Sandia Room

by Dorothy Bell Baker

Now that Eleanor Alibozek has her son happily married perhaps she will find her missing link... Ask Emma Gould and Bob Simon for a ride in their new sports car... Speaking of Bob Simon, the age of chivalry is not dead, if you don't believe me stand by Hunters Machine Shop any night at five o'clock and watch Bob tie up traffic while he gets out of his car to open the door for Bea Marsh... The girls had a hillbilly party at Rose Murray's home, it served a double purpose. They celebrated Halloween and also Bea Marsh and Laura Roy's birthdays. They gave Bea a set of kitchen plaques and Laura a cigarette set. The meal was scrumptious, Evelyn Jones showed movies she had taken during the summer including Emma Gould's wedding. Everyone had a grand time... Rose Murray spent a recent week-end in Boston, and Evelyn Jones in Michigan... Olympia Gayda recently entertained five of her sons friends from Quantico, Virginia... Emma Gould celebrated her birthday October 12 and was presented with a diamond watch from her husband also a gift from her coworkers and a cake baked by Florence De Marco... Best wishes for a quick recovery for Ceil Kranzak's father... Congratulations to Irene Perrault for her five year pin.

Premold Case Assembly

by Florence Clement

First of all yours truly had a grand time at the Log Dinner and the cor-

sages did something for the ladies... We all give congratulations to Gertrude La Fountain on receiving her watch for 25 years of service and to Sylvia Beaudin for 15 years and Anna Deep for 20 years service, also we miss both Gret and Alma Foy and we hope you both like your new jobs... We are getting smaller, and smaller only half a dozen of us left, but who knows we may pick up again... Anna Deep spent the day in Boston shopping with her son and they both enjoyed themselves... Glad to have Steve Bradford back as supervisor and hope that he will be with us for a long time... A dinner was held at the Four Chimneys in North Bennington, Vt. by a group of Prokar Solderers in honor of Eva Sarkis's birthday... Josephine Celenzano entertained the get-together group at her home, a delicious lunch was served and a grand time was had by all. Jo certainly makes a fine hostess.

Small Orders and Samples

by Millie Conroy

Hi Everybody! and a farewell to Tiny Knights who has left us to await news from the stork. I will try to do her job writing for you while she is away... Hello to Helen Bailey and Steffie Mellilo who have returned from leaves. Certainly nice to have them back... We have to say so long to Mary Burlingham and hope she will be back with us soon... Boy, have you noticed the streamlined figures Bell Dow and Alice Beer are sporting. Keep on that diet girls, you look terrific... We had a party on Nov. 8th at Petey Dinks for Tiny Knights and a grand time was had by all... We have to say good-bye to our foreman Ken Russell who has been with us so many years and greetings to Ray Brown who is our new foreman. May the both of you have good luck in your new jobs... Annette Hinkell is resting up now, she was hostess to one of the Florida students and was so good to her guest that she didn't want to leave, that's our Northern hospitality!... A lot of happy faces with the election returns but none quite so happy as our own Madge (Mammie) Taft... Ask Sally Tallarico how her bifocals are coming along, she really has her troubles with them... Glad to see Helen Murphy so happy these days, her son called from San Francisco and now she is praying he will be home for Christmas... Della Pilling is also waiting for her son to come home, he is really seeing the world, he has proven true the statement "Join the Navy and see the World."

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Clorinol

by Dot LaDue

Hi! Best of Luck to Rita Cardinal who has gone back to Marshall St. to her old department. We all miss her... Also good wishes go to Bob Grande who has left us. He is now in Industrial Oils... Does everyone know what party Laura Jowett was rooting for in the election, if not you sure missed something, she was all buttons and her car all stickers (only kidding Laura)... Best of luck to Ann Foote who is expecting a baby... It finally happened, Letty Demo got her license, nice going Letty... Has anyone noticed the contented look on Joan Bourdons face lately? She really is a happy girl since she met a certain person. Best of luck Joan... See you next month.

Network and LCC Lines

Yours truly attended the Log Banquet and had a very nice time... We

won't say goodby to Stanley Bagdon, just so long. Stanley is leaving the Network Department to take over the IBM. We hate to see you go Stanley, but we will all wish you luck in your new department... And at this time we would like to welcome Ray Brown, who will be our new foreman. We hope you enjoy working with us Ray... A group of girls including yours truly enjoyed a delicious dinner at the "Springs," Oct. 25. A good time was had by all... The following girls, Virgie Morin, Bart Mayo, Kay Andrews, Pauline Dean and Angie Pontier are sure having nice weather on their free vacations. We all envy you and hope you will be back working with us soon... Get well wishes go out to Ag Houghton's mother who is ill. We all hope she is feeling better... Has everyone noticed the new green Plymouth out in the parking lot? It belongs to Stella Charbonneau. Pretty classy there Stella! We will be waiting for a free ride in the future.

General Salvage

by Herbert Hafner

Our foreman, Charles Wilson, has returned to work after a two weeks vacation, one week in Florida and one at home. (Admits a good time in Florida)... Walter Maynard had his vacation during the first two weeks of the Bird season, Hunting, but there is still some game left as he admits no luck... William Cooper was going to try for his deer in Vermont State while on vacation Nov. 11-17.

Misc. Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy

Jessie Pike and her husband recently spent a week in New York seeing the sights... Margaurie Todd is really proud of her new granddaughter, Valerie Ann Knowles of Washington, D. C... Mary La Dame enjoyed a weeks vacation recently going on several shopping trips. Hope you had fun Mary... Eva Bergeron is on vacation and recently she had a most pleasant surprise when her son, who is stationed in Guam called her by phone... Blanche Tatro's son Bernard is home from Germany, and will be stationed in Maine at Dow Air Force Base... Blanche Letalien has been busy this fall digging turnips at her brothers farm and getting them ready for market. They sure are good Blanche... Yours truly and husband spent the holiday week-end visiting with friends in Lawrence, Mass.

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Metal Clad Finish

by Veronica Sobon and Emma Alongi

This department is honored in having Mrs. Irma Allen working with us, she is the mother of the famous

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Braman on their wedding day, August 25. Walter works in Industrial Oils Stacking and his wife in Industrial Oils Rolling, both on Brown Street.

"Johnny" Allen of the Drury football team... A halloween party was held at lunch time at the induction table... Mrs. Pincombe accompanied by her daughter Caroline spent her week's vacation visiting her sister and points of interest in Washington, D. C... Mrs. Grace Dupuis and her husband started out for Florida on their vacation but had to turn back home by train after their car was demolished by another motorist down in Maryland... Dot Potter left the department when her husband was offered a job in Chicopee... Ann Canzano lost her shoe the other day in a scramble to get a ride home from a meeting. As no Prince Charming was around to retrieve it for her, they tell us, Ann had to look for it herself. She found it after a while with the help of Viola Miller.

Bathtub Assembly

by Jessie Meczyw

On Nov. 1, I had the pleasure of attending the Log Banquet held at Petey Dinks. After the social hour a wonderful steak supper was enjoyed by everyone. The feature of the evening was a minstrel show put on by Log Reporters. Believe me they were wonderful... 13 year old Peter A. Spencer recently had the honor of being elected as "Northern Berkshire Boy of the Month". He is the son of our foreman Arthur Spencer and Mrs. Spencer. Congratulations are sent by the whole department, how proud they must be!... Frances Roy and her husband Freddie who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 28 were surprised by their sons, brothers, and sisters with a party. A wonderful time was had by all. Congratulations to the both of you, may you both enjoy health and happiness and celebrate your golden together... Our room has the honor of being represented at the 15 and 20 year award dinner by the following: 15 years, Laura Skowron, Caroline Grant, Jessie Meczyw, Florence Lincoln, and Eleanor Durocher. The 20 year, Josephine Sikorski and Bertha Jennings.



Peggy Rocray is the daughter of Frances of Department 659. Peggy recently graduated from St. Luke's Nursing School in Pittsfield and is working at the North Adams Hospital.

Block Annex

by Doris Williams

Hope each one of you had a happy Thanksgiving Day and were careful of the eats... Speaking of eats, wish you could have been with us at the Log Banquet where we had a very sociable time plus delicious steaks. It was climaxized by a really good minstrel show that was well done in every part... It's nice seeing Ida Fortin back after a few days in the hospital. Hope you feel better Ida... Best wishes to Helen Aliprandi who is still at home convalescing. Take it easy Helen—it won't be long now before you're back with us.

Pulse Transformers

by Jean McDonald and Cora Ryan

"The weather outside is frightful", but winter brings fun and frolic for all!... The "Nicolettes" are proudly wearing their colors for our department. The bowling team consists of Agnes Vanuni, Gerry McClelland, Helen Rowe, Mary Bua, Jane Boucher, and Doris Daniels. We hear you are all doing well in scoring. Keep it up!... Elections, of course, were also subjects of conversation. Viola Gamari presented her table with a lovely cake decorated with "IKE". How appropriate. Margaret Cutler, Esther Sullivan, Monica Cyrulik, Blanche Harris, Margaret Dickinson, Mary Milos and Ann Zoito benefited by having the largest portions... Get well wishes are sent to Verna Goodwin's son, Wayne, who is convalescing from an accident... Also, to Ruth Fontaine after an accident in her home... Missed you Gerry while you were in the hospital, glad to see you back... Rena Koszelnik's husband spent the opening days of deer season in Vermont. We are all looking forward to a venison dinner... Congratulations to Anna St. Cyr's son who was married on November 22nd... Esther Sullivan spent Home Coming Week-end at Holy Cross where her son, Billy, is a freshman... Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving!

Shift Register

by Dot Degraff

Henrietta Langlais is like a mother hen these days trying to keep her (bowling) brood together... Madeline Domenichini is all wrapped up in figures these days. Speaking of figures wouldn't she be perfect for "Girl of the Month"... To Julia Gregalis we offer a larger sample department. We're ready and waiting Julie after sampling the fruit cake... "Life in a Trailer", Helen Foote certainly recommends it. Not only is it comfortable and cozy but so-o-o easy to clean... Doesn't anyone have a piggy-bank for Don Raina and his five hundred pennies... Bet we know where your thoughts are these cold days Lil. Lillian LaPlante spent her vacation in sunny California and had a wonderful time... Hope everyone saw the picture of Mary Uni's new grandson. He's adorable and Mary's such a happy Grandma... Euclid St. Peter likes to study figures. He was formerly a school teacher. Arithmetic teacher, Pete?... To all the girls and fellows who are now out we all wish to say "Hope you're all back with us real soon."

Special Products Dept.

by Nina Underwood

We miss Bertha Moreau and Alvina Gifford who are in the North Adams Hospital. We hope you will soon be back with us... Olive O'Neil celebrated her 12th wedding Anniversary by attending the movies with her family... Kathy Crockwell celebrated her 4th birthday with a family dinner party. She is the daughter of Ronny Crockwell... Kit Courtemanche believes in the old saying that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush"... Mary Bishop is recovering from another operation on her eye. Keep up

your good courage Mary... Yours truly recently attended the Log Banquet at Petey Dink's.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews and Valerie Piantoni

Your Log reporters attended the Annual Log Banquet and had a very nice time... Valerie Piantoni won the door prize, which was an actual door tied with a big red ribbon. Of course that was only a joke and she sure accepted the real prize with a Thank You and a nice smile... Florence Gosselin spent her third week's vacation at home... Hey! Mary Gleba when you make toasted cheese sandwiches, you are supposed to make them with cheese. What were you thinking of Mary?... Congratulations to Alice Carpenter who celebrates both her birthday and her anniversary on December 14th... Red Critelli spent her vacation at home... Chris Pugliese's son Dennis, who is 13, recently shot a turkey at a turkey shoot. Maybe it was beginner's luck, but it was the first time he has ever had a gun in his hands. This must make more experienced nim-rods envious... Ted Pierce enjoyed (?) his one week's vacation washing diapers. He has dish pan hands to prove it... Lorraine Girard is looking forward to her vacation. She intends to do her Christmas shopping in Springfield... Laurette Clermont doesn't have to invest in a new alarm clock, for she has Ruth Kelly phone her every morning at six o'clock with a pleasant "Howdie Doodie". Does your diet include cake for breakfast?... Nancy Dube is quite pleased with herself. She's been working forty hours a week... Frances Laghi found out that is is much easier to roll dough using a rolling pin instead of a milk bottle... Evelyn Luczynski is busy planning our Christmas party. We are hoping everyone from the department will be able to attend for we are looking forward to a wonderful time... Nellie Tash won't have any last minute shopping worries, for she's almost all through with her Christmas shopping... Harriet Michaels did a wonderful job with posters on election day for a certain Nash rambler.

Baby Talk---

Oct. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Squartsoff, son.

Oct. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maynard, son.

Oct. 24, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dean, son.

Oct. 25, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langer, son.

Oct. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janiga, son.

Oct. 27, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, son.

Oct. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Raymond, son.

Nov. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sweeney, son.

Nov. 6, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McKinney, daughter.

Nov. 8, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kirby, son.

"I Do" Notes

Oct. 20, Gladys Rondeau and Rudolph Boni.

Oct. 20, Margaret Crippa and Kerwin Stackpole.

Oct. 20, Barbara Isabelle and Robert Herzog.

Oct. 27, Susan Miller and Edward Landy.

Oct. 27, Elaine Powers and Edward Barry.

Nov. 3, Anita Aubin and Richard Lesure.

Nov. 10, Jean Phelps and Francis Gardzina.

Nov. 10, Anita Burnett and John Jozefiak.

Nov. 24, Constance Marino and Joseph Cironi.